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In re Application of: Thisted et al.

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For: Alpha-Amylase Mutants with Altered Properties

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: